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Meditations, Marcus Aurelius

Multiple Choice

1. Who is the audience of *Meditations*?

- A) Marcus's students
- B) Marcus's children
- C) Marcus's kingdom
- D) Marcus himself

2. What reason does Marcus give for not being afraid of death?

- A) Death happens to everyone
- B) Death is only one of the many stages of life
- C) Death is something that can be avoided for a long time
- D) Death is a part of nature, and nature is good

3. Book 1 can be best understood as an exercise in:

- A) Ethics
- B) Epistemology
- C) Gratitude
- D) Logical Reasoning

4. Marcus warns against:

- A) Being too focused
- B) Losing the war with nature
- C) Having no self-awareness
- D) Failing to advance in society

5. In Marcus's opinion, language should be what?

- A) Precise
- B) Inspiring
- C) Descriptive
- D) Theoretical

Vocabulary

6. pander:

7. ostentatious:

8. scrupulous:

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Short Answer

9. In Marcus's opinion, how should a ruler act?

10. In Book 1, Part 17, what is Marcus grateful for? List some of the ways that you could be grateful for the same thing.

11. In Book 2, Marcus states that "to work against one another is therefore contrary to nature." What is Marcus's reasoning for this statement?

Long Response

12. In Book 2, great emphasis is placed on the idea of "nature." Explain what "nature" means to Marcus, and how his philosophy follows from this idea of "nature."

13. At the end of Book 2, Marcus identifies the only principle that should guide life. What is this principle, and what are some concrete ways to put it into practice?